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1. The Alte Grenadier Kaserne on Thaelmannstrasse, Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54), was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia during the period from 1 to 20 May 1950. Twenty officers and 190 EM left the barracks on 1 May 1950 to attend a wreath-laying ceremony. [redacted]

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2. The Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Penzliner Strasse was still occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A military band, followed by 30 officers and about 210 EM, left the barracks on 12 May 1950. [redacted]

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3. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets lived in the restricted area in Schlossgarten. Sentries stood in front of three buildings. [redacted]

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4. The barracks on the road to Penzlin were occupied by about 5,000 troops wearing tank and artillery insignia on 15 and 16 May 1950. About 2,000 troops marched to the drill area and trained at the drill area north of the barracks. About 200 to 250 soldiers were in the area of the target ranges west of the barracks. Three hundred to four hundred soldiers were drilling in the barracks yard. About 200 soldiers policed the area in

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in front of the garages. An undetermined number of other troops were training in the woods north of the barracks. Despite the fact that most of the troops trained in the surrounding area, the barracks did not seem to be vacant.

5. Eight JS-3 tanks, including two with turret numbers 70 and 194, were observed in the training area.

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6. The Alte Kaserne northwest of the main railroad station was lightly occupied on 15 and 16 May 1950. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was no motor vehicle traffic. Garages seemed to be empty.

7. About 250 troops lived in about 15 houses of Compound South (sic) on Strelitzer Strasse. About 100 troops did close-order drill in the compound area. Two sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets stood in front of the estate building southeast of the compound.

8. Two sentries wearing infantry insignia stood in front of the unit headquarters in Compound East (sic) northeast of Glambeck Lake. Traffic there had decreased. It seemed that most of the officers were not present.

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9. A railroad tank car stood on the railroad spur at the fuel dump on Penzliner Strasse, south of the barracks. Fuel was loaded into tank truck [redacted] 25X1C

10. The sentries at the gate and on the towers at the ammunition dump east of the road to Neubrandenburg wore red-bordered black epaulets on 15 and 16 May 1950. No traffic was observed. New ammunition storage shelters were being constructed in the dump area. *

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* [redacted] Comment: The report indicates that most of the Neustrelitz units of the 9th Gds Tank Div were at their post on 20 May 1950. There were probably less than 5,000 troops quartered in the barracks on Penzliner Strasse, and the barracks presumably were still occupied to capacity.

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